From:

Kathleen Kennedy < krkchem@gmail.com> Tuesday, February 19, 2013 11:59 AM

Sent: To:

AppropriationTestimony

Subject:

Governor's proposed 2014-2015 budget

I represent the Friends of Dinosaur Park and would like to voice my opinion about the funding for the parks in CT. Dinosaur Park is currently undergoing a state-funded project to revamp our Discovery Room. It is expected that this new state-of-the-art-room will function as a great teaching tool for students of all ages from all areas of this country and those internationally. If the park staff is cut or the park is forced to close because of the budget cuts, these educational opportunities will be lost.

Also, this year is the 100 anniversary of the CT parks. What a nice way to showcase these open lands and educational facilities that are available to all.

Please consider these ideas when formulating the budget for 2014-2015. Thank you. Kathleen Kennedy, President, Friends of Dinosaur Park and Arboretum, Inc.